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In re Application of:)
Attilio Bragheri et al.) Group Art Unit: 3663
Application No.: 10/522,555) Examiner: Bolda, Eric L.
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For: MULTI-STAGE RAMAN AMPLIFIER)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

In the Election of Species Requirement mailed March 15, 2006, the Examiner required an election from among four species he associated with claims 1-19. In response, Applicants point out that claims 1-19 were cancelled in the Preliminary Amendment filed on January 27, 2005, when claims 20-38 were added. The Election of Species Requirement does not reference pending claims 20-38.

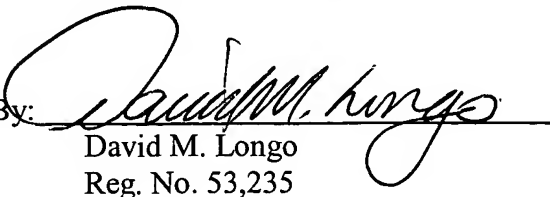
In a telephone conference with Supervisory Patent Examiner Jack Keith on April 12, 2006, Examiner Keith instructed Applicants' representative to respond by filing this response, pointing out the error, and requesting a new Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request a new Office Action in the next communication from the Office.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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